



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 873**

LCO No. 2669

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:

SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING FARMLAND PRESERVATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to enhance Connecticut  
2 farmland preservation policies, by (1) Reducing barriers to the success  
3 of the existing Purchase of Development Rights program by creating  
4 an advisory committee for the Farmland Investment Program, (2)  
5 creating new incentives and tools for towns to preserve farmland,  
6 including giving towns the right of first refusal for agricultural land if  
7 used for that purpose, (3) providing support to increase marketing of  
8 Connecticut grown agricultural products, including a comprehensive  
9 study of the future of the agricultural sector in the state and  
10 supporting increased marketing through the Department of  
11 Agriculture, and (4) revisiting state planning goals for farmland  
12 preservation.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To preserve Connecticut's farmland and protect and enhance the agricultural economy in the state.